

The Maids Chastity that is troubled in mind,  
Against young-Mens inconstancy, who proveth unkind;  
She gives warning to all Maidens that are in the Row,  
To take heed of false Young Men wheresoere they go.  
To a pleasant new Tune.



Y DU young maidis that trouble be chary,  
And live singlē and not marry,  
Do not contract your selves to none,  
For the Maid is the best that lies alone.

Cupid, Cupid, thou hast done me swong,  
I have been thy servant now so long;  
My heart was never free from care,  
Since I was intangled in thy snare.

In thy snare I have been fettered,  
And often have my busynesse letted,  
In following after Venus train  
But the Maid is the best that lies alone.

Young men they will cog and lye,  
Maidens they may weep & cry  
Truth & Conscience they use none,  
But the Maid is the best that lies alone.

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Y oung men they be much blinded,  
Only to know a maidens mind  
Maids do not believē them if they swear  
Least after they leave you in a snare,

But try thoir hearts if that you can  
Before that you love any man.  
Love is sondē fickle will  
Then do not humor a young mans will.

If a Lover be humored in his condition,  
Then he doth plead with a strong commission  
To get his intention if he can  
The maid is the best that lies alone.

For in lying alone ther's no harm taken,  
And being of an unconstant Love forsaken,  
It's better then Gold or Silver stope,  
If that she doth never see him more.

A maid that lies in an honest carriage  
Must be carefull in her marriage  
Young men are so deceiptful gretoun,  
The Maid is the best that lies alone.

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True Lovers knot may soon be ty'd,  
And a maid too soon may be made a wife;  
That's not all in conclusion shouē  
But the Maid is the best that lies alone.

There is many things for to consider  
If a man & a woman go together;  
If Love be wanting between them twain  
She had better still to lye alone.

When they come to a maid a wooing  
They make us conscience of their doing  
But use all the deceit they can  
But the Maid is the best that lies alone.

There are false young men in my mind  
Some proves crois, & some proves kind  
I will not condemn them all for one  
The Maids are best that lye alone.

Therefore I advise you consider my song  
I write to maidis, I le do them no wrong  
And still I do tell you every one  
The Maid is the best that lies alone.